

NAF Interest Survey

Emerging Academies



NAF is passionate about creating partnerships around a unique framework that makes access to essential opportunities possible by connecting students, educators, and businesses to strengthen communities.

Together, we can ensure every student has the power to leverage greater opportunities, ignite their career aspirations, and help them become future ready.

Instructions: Select the admissions program that aligns with your academy's development needs by selecting the corresponding box and then complete the survey. All applications are subject to approval.

Year of Planning

Year of Planning is designed for schools with limited or no experience in creating career-focused programs. This developmental process provides personalized support and technical assistance to align programming goals with the NAF Design before the academy launches. The planning phase typically lasts one school year but can range from 6 to 18 months. This approach helps establish a sustainable foundation for academic success and builds the capacity to fulfill commitments to students and the community.

Fast Track

Fast Track offers an accelerated path to NAF membership for existing career academies that already meet most NAF standards, NCAC Certified or Linked Learning Certified, and seek full membership benefits. The application process typically last 3 months and involves gathering all necessary documentation to demonstrate alignment with the NAF Design. This enables an expedited academy launch and provides access to the associated support and resources.

Interest Survey

Please take our interest survey to determine if your school meets the essential criteria for [starting a NAF academy](#). If you answer "No" to two or more questions, we recommend focusing on enhancing your school's capacity to meet these standards before proceeding with the application process.

1. Are career academies a part of the district/school strategy for school improvement? Yes No
2. Can the district/school commit resources to start a career academy (e.g., financial, human capital)? Yes No
3. Does the district/school have support from local business, community, civic, and government entities? Yes No
4. Does the district/school support an open choice academy enrollment process? Yes No
5. Does the district/school have the capacity and interest to support [NAFTrack Certification](#)? Yes No
6. Does the district/school support work-based learning opportunities that allow high school students to connect their classroom experiences to college and career opportunities? Yes No
7. Does the district/school support career-connected project-based learning experiences that combine hands-on real-world projects with career exploration and preparation? Yes No
8. Can the district/school commit to recruitment efforts resulting in at least 20 students per grade? Yes No

School District

High School

Name and Role

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Phone

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